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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

in re Application of:)
I. Lawrence GREENFIELD) Group Art Unit: 1637
Application No.: 09/724,613) Examiner: J. Riley
Filed: November 28, 2000))
For: COMPOSITIONS, METHODS, AND KITS FOR ISOLATING NUCLEIC	RECEIVED
ACIDS USING SURFACTANTS AND PROTEASES) MAR 0 8 2004

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

PETITION FOR THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant hereby petitions for a three month extension of time to reply to the Office Action mailed September 3, 2003. A fee of \$950.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any further extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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